

9. Harbor Lake Regional Park : B, C, D, E, F			
Criteria Letter	Criteria Description	Criteria Met	Reason SEA meets Criteria
A	The habitat of core populations of endangered or threatened plant or animal species.		
B	On a regional basis, biotic communities, vegetative associations, and habitat of plant or animal species that are either unique or are restricted in distribution.	Yes	Harbor Lake Regional Park supports a sizeable lake with a freshwater marsh along its eastern shore and the Bixby Slough, habitats that once covered the South Bay area. This type of habitat has been filled, drained, and lost to development throughout most of Southern California.
C	Within Los Angeles County, biotic communities, vegetative associations, and habitat of plant or animal species that are either unique or are restricted in distribution.	Yes	Harbor Lake Regional Park is one of two remaining wetlands with freshwater marsh in Los Angeles County. (The other is the Madrona Marsh.) This type of habitat once covered the South Bay area, and supports several species of amphibians including frogs and toads that are becoming rare throughout Southern California.
D	Habitat that at some point in the life cycle of a species or group of species, serves as concentrated breeding, feeding, resting, migrating grounds and is limited in availability either regionally or in Los Angeles County.	Yes	The Harbor Lake and its marshes is an important area for migratory birds. The bird species list of numbers of species seen has about 300 species. Freshwater marshes are important breeding areas for a number of birds and amphibian species.
E	Biotic resources that are of scientific interest because they are either an extreme in physical/geographical limitations, or represent unusual variation in a population or community.	Yes	The Harbor Lake freshwater marsh has attracted considerable attention from the academic and scientific communities, and the resources of the area are well documented and continue to be studied.
F	Areas that would provide for the preservation of relatively undisturbed examples of the original natural biotic communities in Los Angeles County.	Yes	The freshwater marsh is a good example of the freshwater marshes that used to occur along the fault lines of the Los Angeles Basin.